

UTech president says enrollment will be expanding

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OREM — Students wanting to enroll at Utah Technical College Provo/Orem shouldn't be discouraged by past enrollment cutbacks, President Marvin Higbee says.

At a press conference on the Orem UTech campus, Higbee said that due to an upswing in the economy, the Legislature has allotted room for 500 new full-time students annually.

"We anticipate that the enrollment next year could peak at 7,000 on campus and 2,000 off campus," Higbee said.

Last year the college was forced to turn away 1,000 students due to cutbacks, and although some of the school's programs are full, Higbee encouraged students to enroll this year because of the many new openings. The new figures will mean that the school could take on 500 to 1,000 new students on a yearly basis.

"My advice is not to be discouraged in any program, but to come and check it out and see what's available," Higbee said.

Higbee also pointed to several college projects being developed and said that in the future, students will have much more available on the campus.

"We've got some extremely exciting things happening," Higbee said.

Specifically, Higbee discussed three major developments:

● The new Administration and Health Technical building is scheduled to be completed within 18

months. The administrative offices would be housed there, along with other programs.

● Workers are just now completing the new gymnasium, which will accommodate physical education classes as well as intramural sports and intercollegiate activities.

"We have 2,000 students each quarter involved in intramural programs. That's quite a healthy number," Higbee said.

● The Provo campus is being converted entirely to a business and industrial services center, a development Higbee said is perhaps the biggest at the institution.

The new program, working closely with area business and industry, will provide management training and employee training programs.

For example, if a new industry moved into the county and wanted trained workers, a mock working station could be set up on the Provo campus. So when the company opened its doors, it could immediately begin with a trained work force.

"It's a brand new concept," Higbee said, "but one that is being praised in the areas where it is being used. We are anticipating a program that will both promote business and economic development," Higbee said.

UTech administrators are awaiting legislative financing for a new science and technology building. Upon the building's completion, all the Provo programs would be moved there, and the Provo campus would be used entirely for the business and industrial services.

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There is usually one day in the week when all war ends, time stands still, the animals in the forest come to attention, the birds in the trees chirp madly with delight and everyone, Democrat or Republican, join in unison and celebrate.

No it's not Christmas, Yom Kippur or St. Patrick's day, although it could be. It's "game day." If you live in a college town, all work stops as all join in the common cause of rooting for the home team.

In years past though, game day has not necessarily brought with it the potent enthusiasm in Utah County as it does in other communities like Lincoln, Neb., Athens, Ga., or even Los Angeles, where it usually takes more than a World Series win to bring people to their feet.

But all that is starting to change. Last year game day — BYU football game day, that is — began taking on some significance with the induction of tailgate parties, breakfast cookouts etc. . . . the types of things that bring people out to the old ballgame.

To spearhead the operation, interested members of the community have formed a committee and they've adopted a slogan that they hope will catch on. What do you think of "Cougar Country?" That's the proposal of the committee and to promote the idea they've come up